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INCLUDING SUCH A SHIELD AND A STORAGE BOX*

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REMARKS**I. Introduction**

The undersigned thanks Examiner Blizzard for his review and consideration of the present Application, including the Examiner's time spent discussing the present Application in a July 22, 2010 telephone interview.¹ In response to the final Office Action mailed February 2, 2010 ("February 2010 Action"), the undersigned submits the present amendment and remarks ("August 2010 Response"). Upon entry of the August 2010 Response, claims 1, 4, and 6-11 are pending in the application. The August 2010 Response cancels claim 3, amends claims 1 and 6, and adds new claim 11. The Examiner has withdrawn claims 8-10 from consideration as directed to a non-elected invention. No new matter has been added by the August 2010 Response. Support for the claim amendments may be found, among other places, in the non-limiting embodiments described and shown on page 2, lines 15-29 and page 5, lines 22-26 of the Application as filed. Support for new claim 11 may be found, among other places, in the non-limiting embodiments described and shown in page 3, lines 29-37 and page 6, line 18-page 7, line 11 of the Application as filed. The August 2010 Response is believed to overcome all of the prior Office Action rejections, and allowance of the pending claims is respectfully requested.

II. The April 2, 2010 Response & April 29, 2010 Advisory Action

In an April 2, 2010 Response ("April 2010 Response"), the undersigned submitted a response to the February 2010 Action, in which the February 2010 Action rejected claim 3 under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and

¹ Interview Summary: During the July 22, 2010 telephone interview, the undersigned, the Examiner, and the Examiner's supervisor discussed proposed claim amendments to the pending independent claims, as well as the prior art of record.

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distinctly claim the subject matter which the Applicant regards as the invention. The February 2010 Action also rejected claims 1, 3, 4, and 5² under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 6,297,749 to Smith ("Smith") in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,567,220 to

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